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At the Court at *Kenſington*, *Febr.* 5. 1700.

PRESENT,

The King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

IT having been this Day Repreſented to His Majeſty in Council, That certain Peices of Gold of French *and* Spaniſh *Coin, called* Louis d'Ors, *or* Piſtoles, *do paſs, and are accepted in Payment in this Kingdom at the rate of Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence apiece, which is near Six Pence more than the real Value; His Majeſty taking the ſame into His Royal Conſideration, and being deſirous to prevent the Damage that may accrue to His good Subjects by the great quantity of ſuch* French Louis d'Ors, *and* Spaniſh Piſtoles, *which have of late been, and may hereafter be Imported into this Kingdom, in caſe the ſaid* Louis d'Ors *or* Piſtoles *ſhould continue to be received for more than the Intrinſick Value; His Majeſty, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, is therefore pleaſed to Order, as it is hereby Ordered, That Notice be given in the* Gazette, *That the ſaid* French Louis d'Ors *and* Spaniſh Piſtoles *be not hereafter received for more than Seventeen Shillings apiece.*

John Povey.

Rome, Jan. 18. *N. S.* The Pope continues very ſollicitous to preſerve the Peace of *Italy*, and ſeems much concerned at the *French* Forces being come into *Milan*. Signior *Erizzo*, the *Venetian* Ambaſſador, had Audience of the Pope the 14th Inſtant, concerning the preſent Juncture of Affairs. 'Tis ſaid the Duke of *Mantua* has deſired the Pope to aſſiſt him with a Sum of Money, to put the City of *Mantua* into a condition of Defence. The Pope has received the Compliments of the Cardinals according to their Seniority, and the 16th Inſtant he gave publick Audience to the Cardinals *Bichi*, *Imperiali*, and *Janſſen*. This laſt is now entruſted with the Management of the *French* Affairs at this Court, upon which he had laſt week a long Conference with Cardinal *Paolucci*.

Venice, Jan. 22. The Senate continue to meet frequently to conſider of the preſent Poſture of Affairs, and to provide for the Security of their own Territories. They have reſolved to borrow 400000 Ducats at Intereſt, of which Sum the Jews will be obliged to advance a third Part. They have alſo annulled the Decree lately made, againſt granting the Dignity of Procurator of St. *Mark* to any Perſon in conſideration of a Sum of Money. About 800 Foot and 500 Horſe lately come from *Dalmatia*, are ſent towards *Verona* to Reinforce that Garriſon, and a Draught of 5000 Men is made out of the Militia of *Terra-firma*, to be diſtributed in other Garriſons. Since the Arrival of the *French* Forces in the *Milaneze*, all the Military Officers in the Service of this State, have received Orders to repair to their reſpective Commands. Signior *Molino*, Proveditore-General of *Terra-firma*, has writ to the Senate to acquaint them with his Arrival at *Verona*, after having viewed the Fortifications of *Legnano*, a Town ſituate on the River *Adige*, and of Conſequence to *Verona*, and given Directions for their being Repaired; And that the Repairs of the Fortifications of *Breſcia* and *Palma* are in good forwardneſs. The Proveditore adds, that the Inhabitants of the Territory of *Breſcia* deſire a good Garriſon may be put into *Breſcia*, offering to maintain it at their own Expence, which the Senate have agreed to, and have thanked thoſe of *Breſcia* for their Zeal for the Service of the Republick. The Duke of *Mantua*, who is ſtill in this City, has ſent Count *Moro* to the *Montferrats*, with Orders to raiſe 1500 Soldiers to Reinforce the Garriſon of *Mantua*. The Imperial Ambaſſador has demanded of the Senate, Paſſage for the Troops which the Emperor is ſending to *Milan*; Theſe Inſtances have been ſeconded by Cardinal *Lamberg*, and are now under Conſideration. Signior *Caſado*, Envoy from *Spain* to the Duke of *Mantua*, is returned hither from *Milan*. 'Tis ſaid the Count *de Teſſe*, with the Duke *de Seſto*, and ſeveral other Perſons of Quality, are come hither *incognito* from *Milan*. Letters from *Dalmatia* ſay, the Conferences of the Commiſſioners for ſettling the Limits between the *Venetian* and *Turkiſh* Territories are adjourned; the *Turkiſh* Commiſſioner expecting farther Orders from the Port before they can proceed any farther in this Matter.

Dantzick, Jan. 23. Letters from *Coningsberg* give an Account, that the Coronation of the Elector and Electoreſs of *Brandenburgh* as King and Queen of *Pruſſia*, was performed there the 18th Inſtant with great Magnificence; And that the new King has inſtituted an Order of Knighthood, and has admitted into the ſame the Electoral Prince his Son, the three Margraves his Brothers, the young Duke of *Courland*, the Count of *Wartemberg* Great Chamberlain of the Court, General *Barfus*, the four Chief Councellors of *Pruſſia*, Count *Dhona* High-Steward to the Electoral Prince, and Count *Denhoff* Commiſſary-General of War. The new Knights are, as Enſigns of their Order, to wear a Gold-colour Ruban, with a blue Enamell'd Croſs, and on their Coat an embroidered Eagle, with a Crown on his Head, a Scepter in one Claw, and a Globe in the other. Gold and Silver

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